

Dear FCC:

I am writing to inform you about my concerns with the proposed radio rule changes. K-Love radio is an extremely important station in my community of Butte, Montana, and I would like it to continue doing its positive work. K-Love radio is one of the few stations that I can listen to because so many other stations are playing offensive music hosted by vulgar DJs. I help lead a junior high and high school youth group in Butte, and the music that many kids that age listen to is disturbing because of the harmful social behaviors it promotes. I encourage teens to listen to music that will have a positive influence on their actions and attitudes, and K-Love is that kind of station.

In addition to providing solid, positive music, K-Love also offers many benefits to people listening in my community. Because it is a nation-wide broadcast, K-Love offers a way for us to learn about Christian communities and organizations that we would otherwise be oblivious to. Through the influence of K-Love, people in my community are spending money on worthwhile efforts like local rescue missions and overseas aide to children in poverty. K-Love also operates its own ministry, having pastors available to pray with 24/7. Many people struggling with depression and thoughts of suicide have found the light of hope and life through K-Love's positive message.

The proposed rule changes will seriously impact K-Love's ability to enrich our community in many ways. By giving priority to Low Power FM stations, the translators that carry K-Love to communities across the country will be forced off the air, withdrawing the positive influence that K-Love has. Not only that, but the rule change would require additional staffing for K-Love. As a listener-supported station, K-Love relies on the financial generosity of its listeners to stay on the air. Additional staff would cost K-Love thousands of dollars that donors may not be able to compensate for, crippling the effectiveness of the station's ministry because of financial difficulties.

Finally, the proposed rule changes require that Community Advisory Boards oversee all broadcasters in the area. It is very possible that these boards will seat members who are not friendly to the Christian mission of K-Love. These boards could make it very difficult for K-Love continue the ministry that has given hope to many people on the verge of suicide, and that would be a terrible loss for every community served by K-Love.

In short, I strongly urge *against* the proposed rule changes that would affect my local K-Love station. K-Love (and its sister station, Air1) are a tremendous asset to Butte, Montana, and it is a blessing to have them operating in our communities. I hope that the proposed rule changes will not

pass so that our K-Love station can continue to provide our community with hope and healing.

Sincerely,

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